(e) has there been any report from the Anchal Superintendent at any time to increase the number of hands for service in the Trichur Office ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Five.

(b) Eight.

(c) Seven are doing Town and one Village service.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(b) Of these eight villages does not one take in a far-off place, Vaniampara?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How far is it from Trichur ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—10 to 14 miles.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With that one peon can all these villages be served efficiently?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is how it stands now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it efficient service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It will be more efficient if you appoint more men.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there not any necessity to appoint more men? Here is a place 15 miles off from the station to be served by a peon who has to serve other villages also.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government will consider it.

Erumapetti Registry Office.

269. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether petitions have not been received by Government requesting the opening of a Registry Office at Erumapetti;

(2) what steps has the Government taken to grant the prayer of the petitioners?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) The prayer was considered by the Government; but finances did not admit of its being granted.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(2) Whose finances ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government's.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Did the Government find all the funds necessary for the institution of a Registry office at Narakkal?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was done two years back.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I did not ask for the time. Was the whole finance found by the Government?

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Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Did not Narakkal contribute some share to finance the institution of the Registry office ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think they contributed something. I don't remember the details.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Was a similar offer made by Erumapetti people also ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not remember.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If there is such an offer will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of establishing such an office there ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot answer that question definitely. I do not know what will be the proportion of contribution and what will be the balance that the Government will have to find. Unless those details are known I doubt very much whether I can give a direct answer. If the party interested will remit a certain fixed proportion of the expenditure required, it will be an inducement to the Government to consider the matter favourably.

Admission of Medical Students to the Medical College, Madras.

270 Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) were medical students selected by the Cochin Government for the year 1933;

(2) how many applied, with their names and University qualifications (the names may be given caste-war);

(3) which of these were selected;

(4) were the selections made after giving due consideration to the points mentioned at page 1127, Council Proceedings, 3rd Series, Vol. IV, Part II?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(1) Yes.

(2) Seventeen. Caste-war list is appended (*Appendix IV*).

(3) Elias Samuel Koder and Mrs. Kamalam Mukunda Menon.

(4) Yes.

Population that cannot command capital.

271. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 425, 28th of March 1933, will the Government be pleased to state what attempts they have made in the interval to collect the statistics; and if none, the reasons for it ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Government have started an Economic Survey of the State and are awaiting its conclusions.

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